रिक्त पदों की जांच की जा रही है। इस समय यह निश्चित नहीं है कि जांच कब तक पूरी हो जाएगी और नोडल निर्माण एजेंसी का चयन करने के बारे में अंतिम रूप से निर्णय कब तक ले लिया जाएगा।

Cast of Narora Atomic Power Plant

205. SHRI SURESH KALMADI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what was the original estimated cost of Narora Atomic Power Plant and what would be the actual cost when it is completed; and

(b) what are the reasons for cost escalation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT, ATOMIC ENERGY ELECTRONICS AND SPACE (SHRI K. R. NARAYANAN): (a) The original sanctioned cost of the 2x235 M We units at the Narora Atomic Power Project was Rs. 209.89 crores and latest cost estimate is Rs. 532.85 crores for the two units.

(b) The increase in cost is attributable to various factors including design changes arising out of upgrad ing of designs to suit seismicity of the site in order to ensure the safety of the plant and evolving safety standards, escalation due to stretch in schedule arising out of delayed deliveries of sophisticated nuclear components which required considerable Indigenous development of technology, and increase in statutory levies, and variation in foreign exchange rates.

Spread of myalgic encephalomyelitis disease

206. SHRI CHATURANAN MISH RA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Governmeat are awars of the spread of Myalgic Encephalo myelitig ail over the world, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the outbreak of Myalgic Encephalomye'its has been reported in India also; if so, the nuniber of cases during the last three years, with details of places; and

(c) whether any Research and Development work is being done to find out an effective cure for the disease?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) This M'nis, try is not aware of the spread of Myalgic Encephalomyelitis all over the world.

(b) No, Sir.

(e) Does not arise.

Presence of HIV Virus in Indians

207. SHRI CHATURANAN MISH RA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state;

(a) whether it is a fact that as pet a survey conducted by AIIMS, New Delhi HIV Virus is present in 7.5 percent Indians; if so, the- details thereof; and

(b) what action is proposed to be taken to meet the situation, including organisation of surveys and R&D aimed at finding remedies, in collabo ration with WHO and other affected countries?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) No.

(to) Does not arise.